

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

No claims are being canceled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are being amended.

Claims 10-14 are being added.

This amendment adds and amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-14 are now pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter made in the Office Action with respect to claims 2, 3, 7 and 8. New claims 10 and 12 respectively correspond to original claims 2 and 7 rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. New claim 11 depends from claim 10, and corresponds to the scope of original claim 3. New claim 13 depends from claim 12, and corresponds to original claim 8 (whereby original claim 8 should have depended from claim 7). Therefore, claims 10-13 are in allowable form in accordance with the indication in the Office Action.

In the Office Action, claims 2-3 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 2 and 7 have been amended to comply with the requirements set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art in view of either U.S. Patent No. 5,954,125 to Mantegazza et al. or U.S. Patent No. 5,965,809 to Pierce; and claims 5-6 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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